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web page: www.house.gov/sessions/**President George W. Bush**
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500-0005**Dear Mr. President:**

I write in support of the pardon request of Mr. Joseph W. Balzer, a current American Airlines pilot. In 1990, Mr. Balzer, then a flight engineer for Northwest Airlines, was convicted of flying an aircraft under the influence of alcohol. Mr. Balzer was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment and a three-year term of supervised release.

Since the incident, Joe has demonstrated that he has the strength of character not only to overcome his addiction, but also to use his experience to help others. Through the help of Alcoholics Anonymous, Joe has maintained his sobriety since the incident. Joe openly shares his story of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous, to college students, and at several Federal Aviation Administration pilot seminars. He is also an active member of Birds of a Feather, a group for recovering alcoholic pilots. He has also given a great deal to his local community through the Boy Scouts of America.

In 1999, American Airlines hired Mr. Balzer, knowing he was a recovering alcoholic. Joe Balzer had been an outstanding employee and has been very active in assisting other American employees in addressing and treating their alcoholism and returning to the cockpit.

Mr. Balzer has officially petitioned for a pardon and the FBI has followed through and completed their process of this case. Taking into account Joe's acknowledgment of his crime and his commendable action since the incident, I ask that you grant Mr. Joseph W. Balzer a Presidential Pardon for his crime.

It is important to note that both the pilot and co-pilot of the Northwest flight were above the FAA's blood alcohol limit, and the Captain has subsequently been pardoned for his offence.

Thank you for your time and consideration of Mr. Balzer's request. If I may be of service to you on this request, please feel free to contact me.

*Sincerely,***Pete Sessions**
Member of Congress

CC: Office of the Pardon Attorney
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The Honorable Pete Sessions
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Sessions:

This is in response to your letter of December 7, 2005 to the President supporting a pardon for Joseph W. Balzer. Mr. Balzer's pardon petition was received in the Office of the Pardon Attorney on February 23, 2005, and is under consideration. Your views in his support are appreciated, and your letter has been made a part of his file. Mr. Balzer will be notified promptly when final action has been taken on his application, and we will notify you as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger C. Adams".

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney

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July 20, 2006

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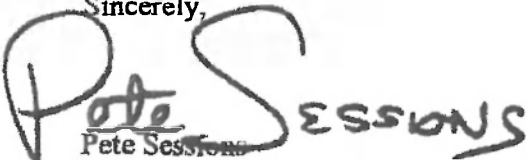
BY MAIL AND FAX

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am writing regarding the pardon petition of Mr. Joseph W. Balzer. I appreciate your letter to me of January 9, 2006 on the status of his case file. Since your last letter to me, I am asking for an updated report on the status of his case file.

Should you have any questions, or if I may be of further service to you, please feel free to contact me or my Legislative Assistant, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.2231 or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov. I appreciate your attention to this request, and I thank you for your service.

Sincerely,


Pete Sessions
Member of Congress



U. S. Department of Justice

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AUG 14 2006

The Honorable Pete Sessions
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Sessions:

This is in response to your letter of July 20, 2006, concerning Joseph W. Balzer. I am afraid there is little I can add to my letter to you of January 9, 2006. As you know, Mr. Balzer was convicted of operating a commercial passenger plane while under the influence of alcohol in the District of Minnesota in 1990. He applied for a pardon in February 2005, and his application remains pending at this time. Because the processing time for a clemency matter can be lengthy, and can vary from case-to-case, I am unable to inform you when Mr. Balzer might expect a decision.

As I noted in my January letter, I will notify Mr. Balzer promptly when a decision is reached, and will notify you as well. I appreciate your support for Mr. Balzer and your continuing interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger C. Adams".

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney



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The Honorable Pete Sessions
U.S. House of Representatives
1514 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4332

Dear Congressman Sessions:

This refers to the application for pardon of Joseph Wesley Balzer. A copy of your letter expressing interest in this case is enclosed for your convenience.

Mr. Balzer's application has been carefully considered in this Department and the White House, and the decision has been reached that favorable action is not warranted. His application was therefore denied on August 28, 2008.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

Enclosure

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September 8, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush
The President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500-0005

Dear Mr. President:

I write in support of John Hosein Feizy, a highly regarded constituent of mine who has applied for pardon. It is my understanding that the Department of Justice (DOJ) currently is reviewing his application, and that you may be called upon for consideration shortly.

John Feizy is a man of strong character -- honest, compassionate, charitable, and hard working. He is well known as an upstanding businessman and philanthropist. Not only dedicated to fighting poverty in his hometown of Dallas, he also strives to improve the lives of those in need worldwide. For example, he has sponsored schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan to bring educational opportunities to children fleeing the oppressive Taliban regime.

As his application for pardon well documents, he appears to meet all conditions for pardon as set forth by DOJ guidelines. Mr. Feizy's offense (customs violation) was relatively minor, and the prosecuting United States attorney recommended leniency in light of his significant substantial cooperation. Following conviction, he waited over five years to file his pardon application. During those years, Mr. Feizy willingly paid his debt to society and has demonstrated impeccable conduct.

Mr. Feizy has fully accepted responsibility for his criminal conduct and has expressed genuine remorse and misdeeds. An Iranian immigrant and naturalized U.S. citizen, he has earned respect in the United States as a man of honor. He seeks only to regain his self-respect and good name after, in his view, infringing upon the laws of the country that has afforded him a life of unbridled opportunity and good fortune.

I strongly urge you to give John Hosein Feizy your highest consideration. A pardon would significantly impact the life of a truly deserving man. It also visibly would reinforce your administration's efforts to reach out to the Islamic-American community. Finally, a pardon for Mr. Feizy would define and advance the rehabilitative goals of our criminal justice system. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress

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MR. President
I HAVE MET
WHA MR. FEIZY
AND HE IS THE
TYPE OF PERSON
THIS WOULD BEST
FIT OUR POLICY
NEEDS TO HELP
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THE WHITE HOUSE DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT AND TRACKING WORKSHEET



DATE RECEIVED: 9/22/2005

CASE ID: 673996

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SUBJECT: REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT TO GRANT JOHN ROSENBERG A PRESIDENTIAL PARDON

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September 26, 2005

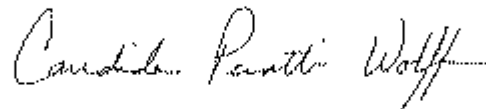
Dear Representative Sessions:

On the President's behalf, thank you for your recent letter regarding a Presidential pardon for Mr. John Hosein Feizy.

Your interest in Mr. Feizy's case is appreciated. Please be assured that your correspondence has been directed to the appropriate Administration officials for their careful review and consideration.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,



Candida P. Wolff
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

SEP 28 2005

The Honorable Pete Sessions
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Rec for appropriate action: agency liaison, 1800 G Street



U. S. Department of Justice

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OCT 27 2005

The Honorable Pete Sessions
House of Representatives
1514 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4332

Dear Congressman Sessions:

This responds to your letter to the President of September 8, 2005, supporting the application for pardon filed by your constituent, Mr. John Hosein Feizy.

Mr. Feizy's pardon application remains under consideration. Your views in his support are appreciated, and your letter has been made part of his executive clemency file. The pardon process frequently is lengthy, and I am unable to advise you when Mr. Feizy may expect a decision regarding his application. Please be assured, however, that his counsel will be notified promptly when the President has taken final action on Mr. Feizy's pardon request. I will also notify you of the decision when it has been made.

Thank you for writing to the President, and for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger C. Adams".

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney

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April 15, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The President
The White House
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WHB-661766 - DOJ
* PLEASE RESPOND DIRECT
TO CONSTITUENT *

Dear Mr. President:

I want to express my continued support of John Hosein Feizy, a highly respected constituent, who has applied for a pardon. In light of personnel changes over the past year in the two offices directly responsible for evaluating pardon applications—the Justice Department's Office of Pardon Attorney and the White House Counsel's Office—I am writing with diligence to ensure that Mr. Feizy receives fair and prompt consideration during your remaining time in office. Given the recent announcement of your latest round of clemency actions just after Easter, I ask you to give Mr. Feizy the highest consideration for inclusion in an upcoming pardon round before the end of the year.

John Feizy's character and reputation as a philanthropist and businessman are well known in my district and abroad. Mr. Feizy has worked to eradicate child labor in poverty-stricken Afghanistan and Pakistan, where he has sponsored schools to bring educational opportunities to the young girls and boys of Afghan refugees who have fled the oppressive Taliban regime. He has also worked to fight poverty in his hometown of Dallas.

John Feizy is a man of integrity; he known for his charity, compassion, and service to others. He is an upstanding citizen whose post-conviction conduct, character, and reputation are exemplary. As documented in his application, he appears to meet all standards for pardon petitions set by the Justice Department. He waited for more than five years after conviction before filing a pardon application, he has demonstrated impeccable conduct for a long period of time after conviction, and he has served his sentence for his offense—a customs infraction that is now permissible under current law. For that infraction, the prosecuting U.S. Attorney recommended leniency due to his significant cooperation and his willingness to pay his debt to society.

Mr. Feizy has accepted responsibility for his criminal conduct and has declared his genuine remorse and desire for forgiveness. As an Iranian immigrant and naturalized U.S. citizen, he has built an honorable reputation both personally and professionally. He seeks only to regain his self-respect and good name after infringing upon the laws of the country that gave him a life of unbridled opportunity.

Mr. Feizy looks forward to continuing his work to advance education and women's rights in Afghanistan and the Middle East. Your consideration of this pardon will reinforce your administration's efforts for those same causes and will further your outreach to the Islamic-American community. I have met personally with Mr. Feizy, and I believe this case merits your attention. I ask for your fair and prompt consideration of his application.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Pete Sessions', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress



U.S. Department of Justice

Pardon Attorney

WHB 661766

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AUG 13 2008

The Honorable Pete Sessions
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Sessions:

This responds to your letter of April 15, 2008, to the President expressing your support for the application for pardon filed by your constituent, Mr. John Hosein Feizy. I apologize for the delay in replying.

Mr. Feizy's pardon application remains under consideration. Your views in his support are appreciated, and your letter has been made part of his executive clemency file. The pardon process frequently is lengthy, and we can give no assurance that final action will be taken by the President on any given case within a particular time frame. Accordingly, we are unable to advise you when Mr. Feizy may expect a decision regarding his clemency request. You may be assured, however, that we will notify his counsel promptly when final action has been taken on Mr. Feizy's application. We will also notify you when the decision is made.

Thank you for writing to the President and for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney



U. S. Department of Justice

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Washington, D.C. 20530

JAN 26 2009

The Honorable Pete Sessions
House of Representatives
2233 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4332

Dear Congressman Sessions:

This refers to the application for pardon of John Hosein Feizy. Copies of your letters expressing interest in this case are enclosed for your convenience.

Mr. Feizy's pardon application has been carefully considered in this Department and the White House, and the decision has been reached that favorable action is not warranted. His application was therefore denied on January 19, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald L. Rodgers".

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

Enclosures